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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Yves Dalencourt

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 33-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 33-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3. 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communication filed on 07/21/2000.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of some misspelled words such as " annuncaiton (page 10, line 16); " lmanual " (page 12, line 22); " devicek " (page 12, line 23). Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: " wherein each of the at least one mobile scanning unit attempts to associate..... within the specific mobile scanning unit (last paragraph in claim 41).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of

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the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103© and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 11 – 16, 33 – 37, and 41 - 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubler et al (US 5,726,984; hereinafter Kubler) in view of Buss et al (US 5539395; hereinafter Buss).

Regarding claims 11 – 16, 33 -37, 41 – 42, 58, and 60 - 61, Kubler et al teaches a system for scanning (figure 11) which comprises at least one mobile scanning unit (figure 28b), each comprising a scanner for scanning optical codes (3009, figure 29a); a radio module, a display, a power source and a power manager, a plurality of memory elements, and a plurality of user-depressable buttons (col. 43, lines 14 - 65; col. 46, lines 30 - 43); a wired network associated with the Internet(figure 12; col. 8, lines 34 - 37); at least one access point (col. 8, lines 37 - 46); wherein the at least one access point is capable of transmitting transmission data from the wired network to the at least one mobile scanning unit via a wireless medium and receiving reception data from the at least one mobile scanning unit to the wired network via a wireless medium (figure 1c; col. 8, lines 48 - 59; col. 11, lines 12 - 22); wherein the at least one access point forms a transmission area, the transmission area including the space where association to the at least one access point is possible by the at least one mobile scanning unit (figures 1b & 1c; col. 10, lines 48 - 57; col.11, lines 1 - 50); wherein the at least one access points broadcasts a periodic beacon via a wireless medium (col. 19, lines 44 - 51); wherein each of the at least one mobile scanning unit attempts to associate with the at

least one access points by broadcasting a poll via a wireless medium on a first periodic basis unless otherwise instructed by the power manager within the specific mobile scanning unit (col. 27, lines 14 - 60; col. 37, lines 11 - 37). Claim 33 adds the limitation of the radio module which is programmed to receive alphanumeric paging messages, to provide the alphanumeric paging messages to the display (col. 50, lines 4 - 12).

Kubler et al teaches all the limitations, but fails to specifically teach a mobile scanning unit which comprises an annunciator to signal receipt of a paging message.

However, Buss et al teaches in an art related field of selective call receiver, a location dependent information receiving device and method which comprises an annunciator to signal receipt of a paging message (82, figure 3; paragraph bridging col. 2 & col. 3).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used an annunciator to signal receipt of a paging message in Kubler et al's device as taught by Buss et al for the purpose of alerting a user of a received message.

Regarding claim 43, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises a transmission data and a reception data that include data representing the IP address associated with each of the at least one mobile scanning unit, and wherein the wired network is connected to the Internet (figure 63; col. 99, lines 29 - 57).

Regarding claim 44, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises a transmission data and a reception data that include data representing the MAC address associated with each of the at least one access point (col. 59, lines 35 - 55).

Regarding claim 45, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises a transmission data and a reception data that include at least one unique message each of which is identified by a unique sequence number; and wherein the transmission data and the reception data include information associated with each of the at least one unique message that is identified by the unique sequence number associated with each of the at least one unique message (col. 15, lines 36 - 67).

Regarding claims 46 - 56, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises a power manager that is programmed to instruct the radio module within a specific mobile scanning unit to desist attempting to associate with the at least one access point on the first periodic basis after a predetermined length of time has passed since the last successful association between the specific mobile scanning unit and the at least one access point; and which is further programmed to instruct the radio module within the same specific mobile scanning unit to resume attempting to associate with the at least one access point on the first periodic basis upon activation of one of the plurality of the user-depressable buttons within the same specific mobile scanning unit (col. 41, lines 7 - 33; and paragraph bridging between col. 51 & col. 52).

Regarding claim 57, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises at least one mobile scanning unit associates with the specific access point that is in closest proximity (col. 72, lines 23 - 40).

Regarding claim 59, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations, and Kubler et al further teaches a system for scanning which comprises use a TCP/IP

protocol, and wherein the wired network is connected to the Internet (figure 63; col. 99, lines 29 - 57).

Claims 38 - 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubler et al and Buss et al, as applied to claim 36 above, and further in view of Weitzen et al (US 5107259; hereinafter Weitzen).

Regarding claims 38 – 40, Kubler et al and Buss et al teach all the limitations on claim 36, but fails to specifically teach a display which comprises a first screen having a first resolution and a second screen having a second resolution, and wherein the second resolution is higher than the first resolution.

However, Weitzen teaches, in an analogous art, a means and method of displaying a message which comprises a first screen having a first resolution and a second screen having a second resolution, and wherein the second resolution is higher than the first resolution (figures 3A & 3B; col. 2, lines 18 – 30; col. 3, lines 25 – 48; col. 4, lines 10 - 13).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a display which comprises a first screen having a first resolution and a second screen having a second resolution, and wherein the second resolution is higher than the first resolution in Kubler and Buss's device as taught by Weitzen for the purpose of providing a selective call receiver which can display messages in at least two screens having different resolution

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Danielson et al (US Patent Number 6,149,062) discloses an interface with hand-held data capture terminal, proximity and label sensing, and enhanced sensitivity and power efficiency.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yves Dalencourt whose telephone number is (703) 308-8547. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7:30AM - 6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on (703) 305-4704. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

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